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To: Leta Howard
Subject: Michigan LCV opposition to SB 872

Hello Leta,

This is Erica Bloom from the Michigan League of Conservation Voters. We spoke yesterday on the phone about our opposition to SB 872, the stamp sands bill. I would like to use this e-mail as formal opposition to the bill. Thank you for the opportunity.

The Michigan League of Conservation Voters (Michigan LCV) opposes Senate Bill 872, a bill to deregulate stamp sands as a hazardous industrial byproduct. Torch Lake, where the stamp sands exist, had been an EPA Superfund site since 1986 and just delisted in November, 2013. While an encouraging step, the MDEQ continues to perform cleanup in the area and the EPA has an on-going responsibility to monitor the site. The regulation of stamp sands will be taken out of Part 201 cleanup criteria and regulated under Part 31 of the NREPA, the wastewater discharge and water pollution control programs. We are concerned that this change will not adequately regulate the stamp sands as needed. Finally, there is no evidence that the stamp sands are not a threat to water quality and leaching toxins into ground water. SB 872 prohibits the MDEQ from regulating with regards to groundwater, a major concern from Michigan LCV.

Thank you,
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